



Ninety-Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2001
Committee Statement
LB 285

Hearing Date: February 15, 2001

Committee On: Health and Human Services

Introducers: (Janssen)

Title: Change drug paraphernalia provisions to exclude certain hypodermic syringes and needles

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Advanced to General File with Amendments

X Indefinitely Postponed

Vote Results:

6	Yes	Senator Jensen, Byars, Suttle, Price, Maxwell and Erdman
	No	
	Present, not voting	
1	Absent	Senator Cunningham

Proponents:

Senator Ray Janssen
Allison Jorgensen

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Pharmacists Association

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes: The bill relates to the use and possession of drug paraphernalia under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act (UCSA), and exempts hypodermic syringes or needles purchased or sold for the prevention of the spread of infectious disease from prohibitions in the act.

Current law, in section 28-441, prohibits the use or possession of drug paraphernalia to introduce a controlled substance into a human body. LB 285 excludes "hypodermic syringes or needles purchased from a practitioner for the prevention of the spread of infectious diseases."

Current law, in section 28-442, also prohibits the delivery, possession or manufacture of drug paraphernalia by one who knows or should reasonably know that it will be used to introduce a controlled substance into a human body. LB 285 excludes practitioners who "sell hypodermic syringes or needles for the prevention of the spread of infectious diseases."

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Jim Jensen, Chairperson